

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Engineer units

Item number: 4/4/8

Item: 17 Construction Squadron
Workshop

[1-30 Jun 1966]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

(Signature)

Capt

OC 17 Const Sqn Kksps RAEMM
Appointment.....
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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15-7-66

SECRET

ORIGINAL
DUPLICATE

Strike out where
not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 17 Const Son Wksp

From 1 Jun 66 To 30 Jun 66

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

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- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
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- M Action reports (if required)
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- O Periodical summaries of operations
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* Only to be included during operations.

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, arising at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

tential importance.

officers, men and equipment.

moment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be included. All orders issued and received, routine returns, etc. All and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.
14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.
15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.
16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**
- a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.
 - b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to..... (Dates)

- c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const an Wksps

MONTH AND YEAR Jun 66

REFERENCE MAP Vung Tau 1ALSG

COMMANDING OFFICER Capt RD KIPPEN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Vung Tau	1 Jun 66		First act of ^{SURMISED} minimised aggression. A grenade thrown into Plant troop's lines, wounding one. Workshop 'stood to' from 2300 to 0200 hrs.	
	5 Jun 66		Workshop supplied 2 x 2-1/2 ton Mk3 International trucks into S & T pool for assistance in transporting TF to it's location.	
	7 Jun 66		Recieved application for Corp transfer from 243308 Spr MJ FARRAR.	
	8 Jun 66		Vehicle state called for by 1ALSG and submitted.	J 1
	15 Jun 66		The long awaited 'Booneroo' docks. Accompany OC 55AESS, Capt MacKENZIE to LST hard and inspect equipment, unloading and stores lists rough and inadequate. Vehicles released back from S & T and requested them to be stand by vehicles to carry stores from 'Booneroo'.	
	16 Jun 66		Following recieved off 'Booneroo':- 1 x 2-1/2 ton Machinery vehicle, the remainder of the troops cabin trunks.	
	17 Jun 66		1 x 2-1/2 ton Lube & Service vehicle, 1 x tlr mtd Welder, 1 x 1/2 ton binned trailer, a few minor items for B2 account. The Squadron recieved two 8 ton Federals and trailers which are in need of immediate work prior to being used. These are the only Australian transporters in the theatre and a heavy requirement is anticipated. Reliability of equipment is doubtful.	

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Vung Tau	20 Jun 66		With the additional work force of 'Black trades' from Resources troop, a need for a forge and an anvil is an essential. This will be submitted as an RVE to TWET 3040 in due course.	
	23 Jun 66		Received a signal AQ3724 from HQ 1ALSG. Oxygen and Acetylene almost unpro- -curable and proving a definite hind ^R rance to workshop productivity.	J 2
	24 Jun 66		Work started on the laying of concrete slabs of wksp 'C' vehicle section.	
	27 Jun 66		Automotive Repair vehicle 113813 stolen and involved in accident. Subseq- -uent AAF G4 showed 72 hrs repair. Workshop capable of carrying out repairs.	
			Return signal to AQ 3724 submitted to 101 Fd Wksps.	J 3
	28 Jun 66		Received signal from HQ 1ALSG AQ 3762 requiring tentage return.	J 4 J 5
	29 Jun 66		Although Machinery vehicles are in position and a requirement for turning it is unable to be done due to a lack of a power supply. Although wksps has two 25 KVA's on charge one has been AAF 406'd and the other one has been impressed to supply lighting and power to the HQ and kitchen complex with the Squadron. This matter will be resolved when the Electrical Reinforcement reticulation is installed from a common power house supply.	
	30 Jun 66		The Ordnance supply of B2 stores is very slow and limited. From 7 Feb 66 to 30 Jun 66 772 indents were raised with 171 satisfactorily supplied,	

17 Const Sqn Wksps RAEME
VUNG TAU

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VEHICLE STATE AS AT 082400 H JUN

DADOS HQ 1 ALSG

Code	Type	Vehicle Number	Date of Arrival
5286	TRUCK WRECKER & accessory maintenance kit M543	107581	5 May 66
5069B	TRUCK CARGO 2½ ton GS with winch Inter Mk 3	107171	5 May 66
"	" " " "	170777	"
5028	TRUCK UTILITY ½ ton GS Land Rover	112897	"
5039B	SHOP EQUIPMENT electrical repair truck mtd ½ ton	111360	"
5043A	AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOP truck mtd ¾ ton garage	113885	"
"	" " " "	113813	"
5017F	SHOP EQUIPMENT electrical repair trailer mtd ½ ton No 1	101582	"
5017	AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOP trailer mtd ½ ton	101654	"
"	" " " "	101398	"
5015G	TRAILER cargo ½ ton	154529	"
5016	TRAILER cargo 1 ton	100614	"
"	" " " "	100654	"

Dr. H. H. H. H.
21/6 17 Const Sqn RAEME

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER J 2

FOR COMM. CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME — GROUP 230500Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From HQ 1 ALSG			PREFIX GR
To 17 Const Sqn Wksp 1 S&T Wksp 145 Sig Sqn 2 Comp Ord Dep 161 Recce Flt			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTD
Info 101 Fd Wksp			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER AQ 3724

A RETURN FROM ALL RAEME UNITS AND DETACHMENTS IS TO BE SUBMITTED ASP TO
 101 FD WKSP STATING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (.) ALPHA (.) HOLDINGS OF
 3433 66 011 4094 TORCH OUTFIT CUTTING/WELDING OXY/ACET COMMET

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MESSAGE FORM

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FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME — GROUP 270600 Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From 17 Const Sqn Wksp RAEME			PREFIX GR
To 101 Fd Wksps RAEME			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER WLO

Info

REF HQ 1 ALSG AQ 3724 OF 230500Z (.) CES 2157 AUTO REPAIRSHOP TLR

MTD QTY 2 (.) CES 2104 TRUCK WRECKER 5 TON GS M543 QTY 1

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											R.D. KIPPEN Capt

MESSAGE FORM

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PRECEDENCE — ACTION ROUTINE		PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED		DATE — TIME — GROUP 280220 Z		MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS	
From HQ 1 ALSG						PREFIX GR	
To 17 Const Sqn 33 Dent Unit 17 Const Sqn Wksp 2 Comp Ord Dep 55 AESS 101 Fd Wksp 11MC Gp 101 Fd Wksp (Stores) 1 Coy RAASC Det 145 Sig Sqn						SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTD	
Info 87 Tpt Pl 176 AD Coy 21 Sup Pl 2 Fd Amb 1 S & T Wksp 161 (Indep) Recce Flt 1 ALSG D & E Pl 1 Aust R & C Centre 67 GL Sec						ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER AQ 3762	
TENTAGE RETURN (.) TENTAGE RETURN BY COMPONENT PARTS, BOTH SERVICABLE AND UNSERVICABLE, IS REQUIRED FROM ALL UNITS IN THE ALSG GROUP BY 1600 HRS 5 Jul 66							
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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK K. JORGENSEN Lt							

17 Const Sqn Wksps RAEME
1 ALSG
Vung Tau
28 Jul 1966

HQ 1 ALSG

TENTAGE RETURN BY COMPONENT PARTS
HQ 1 ALSG AQ 3762 280220Z

1/ Tentage return as required listed below.

Part No	Designation	Qty	Remarks
8340-66-019-3632	PAULINS extendable light weight 20ft x 16ft.	7	S
8340-66-019-3631	" " " " 30ft x 20ft.	5	S
8340-66-017-4742	TENT SECTION end outer	12	S
8340-66-017-4744	" " extension outer	6	S
8340-66-019-7028	" " wall end centre rear No 6	6	S
8340-66-019-7036	" " " " front No 8	5	S
8340-66-019-7029	" " " " LH front No 2	6	S
8340-66-019-7030	" " " " RH rear No 5	6	S
8340-66-019-7031	" " " " front No 3	6	S
8340-66-019-7032	" " " " LH rear No 7	6	S
8340-66-019-7033	" " " " side left No 1	6	S
8340-66-019-7034	" " " " right No 4	6	S
J1/JAA 0414	COVERS waterproof 24ft x 18ft	4	S
J1/JAA 0416	" " 30ft x 30ft	5	S

.....Capt
OC 17 Const Sqn Wksps RAEME